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STEM/PROGENITOR TO LIVER CELLS AND PANCREATIC CELLS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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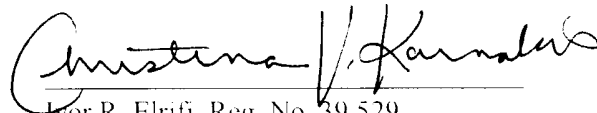
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- ☒ Second Preliminary Amendment (2 pgs): and
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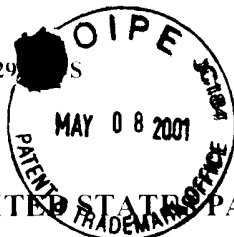
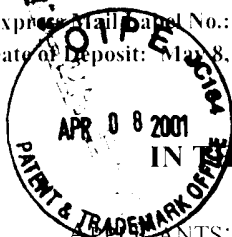
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, after the section entitled "Grant Support", please add the following:

-- RELATED APPLICATIONS --

B1 This application is a continuation of United States Serial Number 09/212,531, filed December 16, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, claims 1-21 are pending. The present amendment does not introduce new matter.